

SITUATION REPORT NO. 6
INCIDENT NO. 2006-016
DATE: April 6, 2006 Time: 4:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: **Spring Flooding** – The rapid snowmelt of heavy winter snow accumulations, compounded by spring rains and sudden warm temperatures, is causing spring flooding along the Red River Valley.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES:

Flood Projections by River (updated April 6, at 12:00 p.m.)

For more information log on to <http://www.crh.noaa.gov/ahps2/index.php?wfo=fgf>

Major Flooding
Moderate Flooding
Minor Flooding
Near Flood Stage
No Flooding

Location	Flood Stage	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13
Wild Rice River at Abercrombie	10 feet	19.7 feet	18.4 feet	17.0 feet	15.3 feet	13.4 feet	11.7 feet	10.0 feet	8.5 feet
Sheyenne River at Kindred	16 feet	7.4 feet	5.5 feet	4.8 feet	4.7 feet	4.5 feet	4.3 feet	4.3 feet	4.3 feet
Sheyenne River at West Fargo	18 feet	19.9 feet	19.4 feet	18.8 feet	18.3 feet	17.8 feet	17.3 feet	16.8 feet	16.3 feet
Sheyenne River at Harwood	884 feet	890.8 feet	890.4 feet	890.4 feet	889.5 feet	888.9 feet	888.4 feet	887.8 feet	887.2 feet
Maple River at Enderlin	9.5 feet	8.7 feet	8.1 feet	7.4 feet	6.8 feet	6.1 feet	5.5 feet	4.8 feet	4.3 feet
Maple River at Mapleton	905.5 feet	906.9 feet	906.5 feet	906.1 feet	905.6 feet	904.8 feet	904.0 feet	903.2 feet	902.4 feet
Goose River at Hillsboro	10 feet	9.2 feet	7.3 feet	5.8 feet	5 feet	4.3 feet	3.8 feet	3.4 feet	3.4 feet
Red River at Wahpeton	10 feet	13.2 feet	12.9 feet	12.8 feet	12.7 feet	12.4 feet	12.1 feet	11.9 feet	11.5 feet

Red River at Fargo	18 feet	36.6 feet	35.7 feet	34.7 feet	33.7 feet	32.6 feet	31.6 feet	30.7 feet	29.6 feet
Red River at East Grand Forks	28 feet	47.7 feet	47.4 feet	46.8 feet	46.1 feet	45.4 feet	44.7 feet	44.0 feet	43.3 feet
Red River at Oslo	26 feet	37.6 feet	38.0 feet	37.8 feet	37.7 feet	37.7 feet	37.7 feet	37.6 feet	37.2 feet
Red River at Drayton	32 feet	39.9 feet	41.2 feet	42.3 feet	42.8 feet	42.9 feet	43.0 feet	43.0 feet	43.0 feet
Red River at Pembina	42 feet	43.3 feet	45.5 feet	46.7 feet	47.3 feet	47.8 feet	48.1 feet	48.4 feet	48.5 feet
Forest River at Minto	6 feet	3.71 feet	4.0 feet	4.0 feet	3.8 feet	3.6 feet	3.4 feet	3.4 feet	N/A
Park River at Grafton	12 feet	10.68 feet	10.1 feet	9.8 feet	9.5 feet	9.3 feet	9.1 feet	9.0 feet	8.9 feet
Souris River Basin at Willow City	10 feet	13.2 feet	12.8 feet	12.3 feet	12.0 feet	11.7 feet	11.7 feet	11.5 feet	11.3 feet
Souris River at Westhope	10 feet	9.6 feet	9.8 feet	10.0 feet	10.0 feet	9.9 feet	9.9 feet	9.4 feet	9.3 feet
Pembina River at Neche	18 feet	13.2 feet	16.4 feet	18.8 feet	20.6 feet	21.7 feet	22.4 feet	22.9 feet	23.0 feet
Pembina River at Walhalla	11 feet	5.6 feet	11.0 feet	11.7 feet	12.1 feet	12.4 feet	12.4 feet	12.3 feet	12.0 feet

The National Weather Service (NWS) forecasted isolated thunderstorms for April 6 across Sargent and Richland counties. The storms are not expected to be severe. Forecasts for April 7-12 indicate rain is expected over the northeast with rain amounts ranging from less than one-quarter inch up to one-half inch possible across the northern two-thirds of the Red River Valley.

The State Operations Center (SOC) received the following reports from local Emergency Managers:

Cass County

Two homes south of Fargo along the Red and Wild Rice Rivers have been flooded and abandoned. The Cass County Sheriff's Department dispatched two boats to a farm west of Harwood to rescue an elderly man requesting to be evacuated. About 30 county and township roads are closed due to flood conditions. US Interstate 29 and US Highway 81 south of Horace have significant water over the roadway; southbound traffic is closed to one lane. State officials are controlling traffic. NDDOT officials state detouring is not needed at this time.

Pembina County

On April 6, a washed out culvert prevented access to a local farmstead. Public Works Officials installed a temporary fix allowing the farm owner access.

The Emergency Manager reported water is flowing over the gravel road surrounding the O'Keefe Bridge, section 24/19, resulting in closure of the bridge.

Township supervisors reported ice jams are causing river backups. The situation is being monitored.

The Oslo area south of Drayton is experiencing fluctuations in water levels and water has broken out on the east and west sides of US Interstate 29 in North Dakota. The Red River at Oslo is expected to crest at 38.0 feet early Friday.

The Kittson County, MN Emergency Manager anticipates all routes crossing the Red River from Kittson County into North Dakota and Canada to be closed by next week. This will impact Emergency Medical Services (EMS) provided by the cities of Drayton and Pembina into Kittson County.

Walsh County

On April 4, at approximately 10:30 p.m., electrical power was lost to 12 Nodak Rural Electric customers along the Red River. At approximately 10:00 a.m. on April 5, power had been restored to eight of these accounts. The remaining four customers remain without power due to two downed power poles. Two of these accounts are occupied farmsteads. By using a boat, the Walsh County Highway Department and Sheriff's Office assisted personnel from Nodak Rural Electric in reaching the area of the line break. It was determined that no further action could be taken until flood waters recede.

4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: The North Dakota State University Extension Service is monitoring and has made resources available.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: In Grand Forks County, the Salvation Army served 24 meals to the volunteers who helped with the sandbagging efforts in Manvel on Tuesday, April 4.

In Walsh County, volunteers sandbagged farmsteads in the area impacted by the Red River.

In Fargo/Cass County, the Red Cross and Salvation Army continue coordination efforts, providing food and other assistance in the impacted areas.

6. MAJOR ACTIONS: On April 5, Governor John Hoeven met with the Grand Forks Mayor and other city and county officials to review flood conditions in the region and the community's preparedness.

On April 6, the State Operations Center (SOC) issued a statement reporting four agencies/organizations have positioned aerial assets in the Grand Forks area in support of flood operations. The agencies and missions are as follows: Life Flight out of Fargo, ND will be the primary source for all emergency medical

evacuation requirements. The US Coast Guard (USCG) will be the primary resource for all emergency evacuations not medical related. The ND National Guard (NDNG) will be the primary response for all general support missions and serve as a backup response for emergency and medical evacuations. The Grand Forks County Sheriff's Office/911 Dispatch Center will dispatch USCG assets and Life Flight from Fargo based on the needs of the local officials.

On April 6, the SOC received the following updates from the respective agencies:

US Coast Guard (USCG)

USCG is flying the Red River and is furnishing updated river information to the National Weather Service River Forecast Center.

ND National Guard (NDNG)

NDNG has scheduled a reconnaissance flight at 4:00 PM, April 6, for City Officials and the US Army Corp of Engineers.

ND Highway Patrol (NDHP)

Flood waters are receding from the road surface of US Interstate 29 near Harwood to improve. The northbound lane is now completely open for normal operation. The southbound lane remains limited to one lane with speeds increased to 55 miles per hour (MPH). NDHP anticipates the southbound lane to open completely by late this afternoon.

ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT)

On April 6, NDDOT reported water remains on the northbound and southbound roadways of US Interstate 29 between mile markers 159 and 160 (at the Oslo/Ardoch interchange). A complete list of road conditions is available at the NDDOT website at www.state.nd.us/dot/.

NDDOT advises that ND 54 east of I-29 to the Red River will be closed to traffic at 6 p.m. Central Time on April 6.

Cass County

The Red River levels in Cass County have stabilized and are receding. There is still a significant amount of water near the river both north and south of Fargo. On April 5, the Cass County Sheriff's Department provide welfare checks through the daylight hours and found no one needing evacuation. No power outages have been reported in either the rural areas or the cities of Cass County, enabling residents and communities to keep pumps going alleviating damage. Clean-up kits and after-flood fact sheets will be distributed to the public beginning tomorrow. Volunteer sandbagging efforts have ended.

Walsh County

The Emergency Manager reported the county is currently working to get a generator and fuel to a farmstead in Section 1 of Walshville Township. Without a generator, this farmstead will be without power until after the flood waters recede. Attempts to transport the generator on April 5 didn't work. On April 6 the USCG assisted in the transporting a generator to an isolated farmstead in county.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: The Pembina County Emergency Manager has requested NDDOT replace a culvert gate along Highway 18 at Neche. NDDOT officials expect the gate to be fixed by April 7.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No outside help is on scene.
9. OTHER INFORMATION: The N.D. Division of Homeland Security's Situation Reports are posted on the Division's Internet home page. The address is <http://www.state.nd.us/des>.

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N.D. Division of Homeland Security